



**Winter  
2005**

## Calendar of Events

**Dec. 10,11,17,18** – Ardenwood Historic Farm's Christmas House Tours. See website:  
<http://www.ci.fremont.ca.us/Recreation/ArdenwoodPark/Events.htm>

**Dec. 10** – Niles Holiday Home Tour  
**Dec. 10,11** – Niles Welcomes Gunfighters of the Old West  
See [www.niles.org](http://www.niles.org) for more info. and more events in the Niles neighborhood.

**Dec. 17,18** – Take part in the staged radio production of A Christmas Carol. For more info. contact Andy MacRae at 510-589-5003 or [amacrae@macrae.net](mailto:amacrae@macrae.net)

**Dec. 17 – 26** – Visit Cripps Place (located on Wellington Pl.). View Cartoon Holiday Decorations. Charity drive donations go to the Leukemia-Lymphoma Society.



"Neighbor to Neighbor" is written and produced by the Fremont Police Department's Crime Watch Unit.

# Neighbor to Neighbor

## Don't Become A Holiday Statistic

Since vehicle burglaries and other property crimes tend to increase in November and December, the Fremont Police Department has some suggestions that may keep you and your car from becoming a statistic this holiday season:



### Vehicle Safety Tips

- Always lock your car and roll up the windows.
- Park in a well-lit, populated area.
- If you have a garage, use it! Don't leave your car parked outside if you don't have to.
- Do not leave packages, purses, wallets, computers, DVD's, CD's, cell phones or any other valuables in your vehicle because they will attract criminals. If you must do so, place them out of sight or in the trunk before you arrive at your destination.
- Alarm systems, steering wheel locks and other anti-theft devices are highly recommended.
- When parking your car, be aware of who and what is parked around you. Be especially aware of vans and other vehicles that may be concealing someone.
- When walking to your car, have your keys in hand to help you make a quick entry. Lock the door as soon as you get inside.
- Be careful when loading groceries, packages and children into your car. It is easy to be distracted at this time, thus allowing a criminal to surprise you.
- Don't carry so much that you cannot see if someone approaches you or cannot use your hands to defend yourself if necessary.
- To avoid becoming the victim of a carjacking, do not sit in your parked vehicle any longer than necessary. People who read, eat, sleep, etc., in their car become vulnerable targets.
- Never leave your car unattended with the keys inside. It only takes a second for a thief to jump in and take your car.
- To avoid being seen during these crimes, criminals sometimes remove, break or loosen light bulbs in carports, parking lots and driveways. Please replace or report any lights that are not working to apartment management, your homeowners association

or whoever is responsible for lighting in your area.

- Make sure the area around your vehicle is clear from obstructions. Bushes and trees should be trimmed away from parking areas to prevent hiding places for criminals.

### Personal Safety Tips

- Limit the amount of cash you carry, and don't carry more than one credit card at a time.
- If you must use an ATM, select one that is inside of a store or in a highly visible and populated area.
- Travel and shop with someone else whenever possible.
- Walk purposely with your head up. Be aware of what is going on around you.
- Rather than carry valuables in a purse, women should consider wearing a fanny pack hidden under a jacket.
- If someone attempts to rob you, don't argue with or resist the robber. Give the robber your valuables.

Please report suspicious persons or activity to the Fremont Police Department by dialing 790-6800. If you see a robbery, burglary, car theft or any other serious crime in progress, dial 9-1-1 from a regular phone or (510) 791-4200 from a cellular phone to reach the Fremont Police emergency dispatch center.

## Cabrillo/Centerville Summit 2005

Community Empowerment" was the theme of the Centerville Community Summit, on Saturday, September 24, 2005. The event was kicked off by keynote speaker, Claudia Albano, Neighborhood Services Manager for the City of Oakland; and formerly the Office of Neighborhoods Manager for the City of Fremont.



The summit attracted a variety of community leaders from schools, businesses, non-profit organizations and elsewhere. The event also offered a variety of workshops in both English and Spanish. Workshop topics included Personal Emergency Preparedness (PEP), Fremont's General Plan, Health & Nutrition, Supporting Aging Parents, A Chat with the City Manager Following His First Year in Fremont; Financial Planning, Computer Security for Mere Mortals, Developing a Neighborhood Watch Program and a workshop on Gang Activity. There was a demonstration of how to engage your neighbors in community problem solving, opportunities for people to provide input on what they

would like to see in an ideal neighborhood and an assortment of free informational materials on community and city programs.



One Community Attendee had this to say:

"I wasn't sure what to expect from the recent community summit - all I knew was that there were some topics that were going to be discussed that were of interest to me. What I found were a group of like-minded community members, who were all there for the sake of their own workshops of choice, but who ultimately were able to come together and brainstorm on ideas that would benefit not just those who were present, but others in the city as well. The chance to meet others who were ready and willing to participate in their community at the grassroots level was perhaps the most rewarding aspect of the summit. I look forward to seeing where all of this will lead, and am hopeful that the organizers will make the most of the information and contacts that came from that day".

**Great Job CCNN!**



**Can you survive the  
next big disaster?  
YES!**

**If you are prepared**

PEP (Personal Emergency Preparedness) is a great program being offered to the citizens and organizations here in Fremont. The purpose of the PEP program is to educate Fremont residents about all-hazard disaster preparedness and to help our citizens become self-sufficient in a major disaster. PEP training includes information on earthquakes and other natural hazards, personal and family preparations, when and how to shut off your utilities, the use of fire extinguishers, smoke detector placement & how to shelter in place. This is a free public education program sponsored by the Fremont Fire Department.

The presentation takes about 2 ½ hours (additional time for questions and answers).

We would like to offer this valuable presentation at one of your organization's meetings. To schedule a PEP presentation or for more information call (510) 792-3473. Information on Fremont Fire Department public education opportunities is also available at (510) 494-4243.

We look forward to working with you to make the City of Fremont a more disaster resistant community.

Chuck Guaraglia  
City of Fremont, Fire Dept.  
Support Services  
PEP/CERT Liaison

**SCHEDULED PEP CLASSES**

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Irvington High School 41800 Blacow	1/11/2006	6:30 - 9:pm
Christ the King Church 1301 Mowry Ave	1/15/2006	9:00 -10:am
City wide PEP class 3300 Capitol	1/19/2006	7- 9:30pm
Senior Center	1/27/2006	1 - 3:30pm
City wide PEP class 3300 Capitol	3/14/2006	7 - 9:30pm

**You Can Be A Star**

You are invited to participate in the radio stage performance of A Christmas Carol. If you have never taken part in a staged radio production here's the scoop....

We pretend the stage is a radio studio in the late 1930's. The actors in the show get to read from scripts while standing at microphones on stage as an audience watches. A table to the side of the stage holds all the sound effect equipment and the sound effects are created live during the show. The show's director prompts the actors and the sound effects

people and keeps the action going.

We will have one rehearsal at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at the Essanay Niles Film Museum. The rehearsal will last two or three hours.

During the rehearsal we will divvy up the parts and help people become accustomed to using the microphones as well as practicing lines and creating the sound effects. We don't use strict gender casting in these shows. A woman can play Scrooge and a man the charwoman if they can deliver the lines well. Also, because some people may be available for only one of the two performances, we will switch roles around from the first performance to the second. This will also allow more people to play some of the more fun roles.

Check out the script at

[www.fremont-theatre.org/acc.pdf](http://www.fremont-theatre.org/acc.pdf)

Have some fun! Act out!

If you are interested contact Andy MacRae at [amacrae@macrae.net](mailto:amacrae@macrae.net) or 510-589-5003

Afternoon performances scheduled:

*December 17-* Mission Coffee, 151 Washington Blvd.

*December 18 -*Niles Essanay Film Museum, 37395 Niles Blvd.

